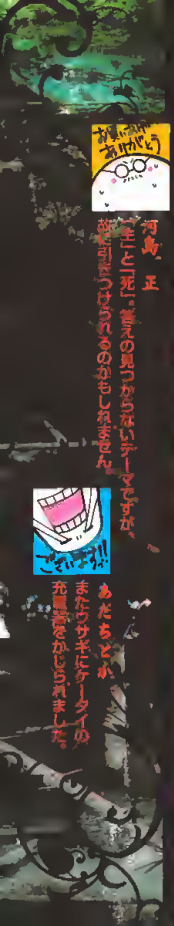

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河島 正

「生」と「死」、答えの見つからないテーマですが、読者を引きつけられるのかもしれません。

ごきげんよう!!

あだちとか

またウサギにケータイの充電器をかじられました。

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勝又重喜 Shigeki Katsumata
元刑事で、超常の力を持つ“仲間”達のリーダー格。“あの方”の指令を受け、世界に何らかの変革を起こそうとしているらしい。

広瀬雄一 Yuichi Hirose
太輔の親友。気弱な性格だったが超常的な能力に目醒めてからは人が変わり、恵を連れ去った。勝又と行動をともにする。

落合　恵 Megumi Ochiai
太輔の幼なじみ。いつもロゲン力が絶えないが、密かに太輔のことを心配している。広瀬に連れ去られ、軟禁状態にある。

由良　匠 Takumi Yura
勝又一派の能力者。高密度な圧縮空気の詰まった球体を操り、人間を導くと称して躊躇なく殺す。蓬髪・ツナギ姿が特徴。

森尾健一郎 Kenichirou Morio
勝又一派の能力者。風を自在に操り、カマイタチを起こして人を切り裂く。顔に受けた火傷が治らず、太輔を怨んでいる。

岡田　剛 Gou Okada
勝又一派の能力者。契約を破った者を死に至らしめる“死神の約束”を使う。自分の外見・存在に強い劣等感を抱いている。

御館華音 Kanon Mitachi
勝又一派の能力者。自分本位で気ままに人を爆殺する、情緒不安定な赤毛の女。奈美の弟・悟を殺した仇敵。

麻生英雄
Hideo Asou
勝又一派の能力者。人間の生を罪と捉え、贖罪と魂の安らぎと称して人を石化し、死に至らしめる牧師。格闘術のたしなみもある。

長谷川論
Ron Hasegawa
勝又一派の能力者。自身の肉体を透明な液体状に溶かすことのできる子供。孤独感からか、人に遊んでもらいたがる。

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叶　太輔 Taisuke Kanou
ケンカは弱いが正義感は強い高校生。“悪夢の１週間”を境に、熱を操る超常の力を得る。現在、広瀬と恵を捜す旅の途上。

瀧沢勇太 Yuta Takizawa
太輔と旅をする少年。目の前で母親が自殺し、心に傷を負っていた。空間を隔離する能力を持ち、太輔の危機を再三救う。

楠　奈美 Nami Kusunoki
氷の爪を使う能力者。赤毛の女に弟を殺され、復讐のために彼女を追う。能力者への憎悪が激しく、その殲滅を願っている。

三咲清光
Kiyomitsu Misaki
生まれつき目が不自由な老人。触れることによって、人の過去と未来を見通す能力を持つ。偶然、太輔の未来を見てしまった。

雨宮今日子
Kyouko Amamiya
週刊誌の熱血女性記者。ゴシップやオカルトを重視する編集方針に反発し、集団自殺に始まる一連の事件の真相を追う。

小田正志
Masashi Oda
週刊誌の記者で、雨宮の後輩。スチャラカ社員に見えるが、仕事はちゃんとこなす？　雨宮に振り回される不憫な星回り。

橘　春花 Haruka Tachibana
太輔らが泊まったライダーハウス（旅行者のための簡易宿泊所）兼レストランの娘。明るく心優しい道産子少女。

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KANON HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED ...
THAT'S WHY I SAID BEFORE THAT SHE WAS TOO SMALL A VESSEL.
LOOK, KATSUMATA.
THE "HEART OF AKURO" HAS CHOSEN HIROSE.
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Chapter 32

Always....

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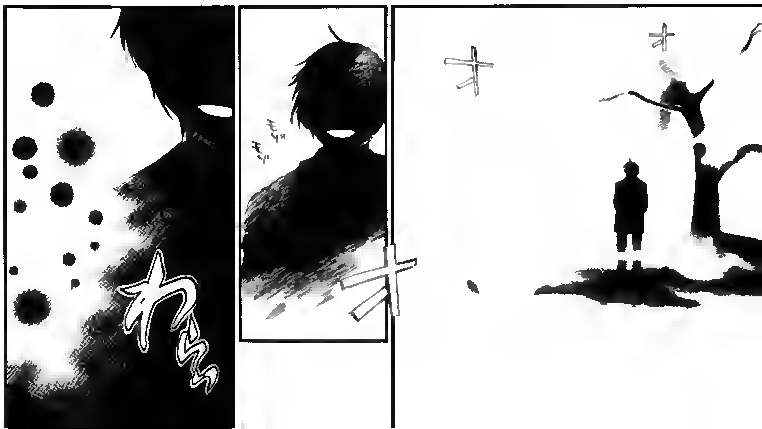
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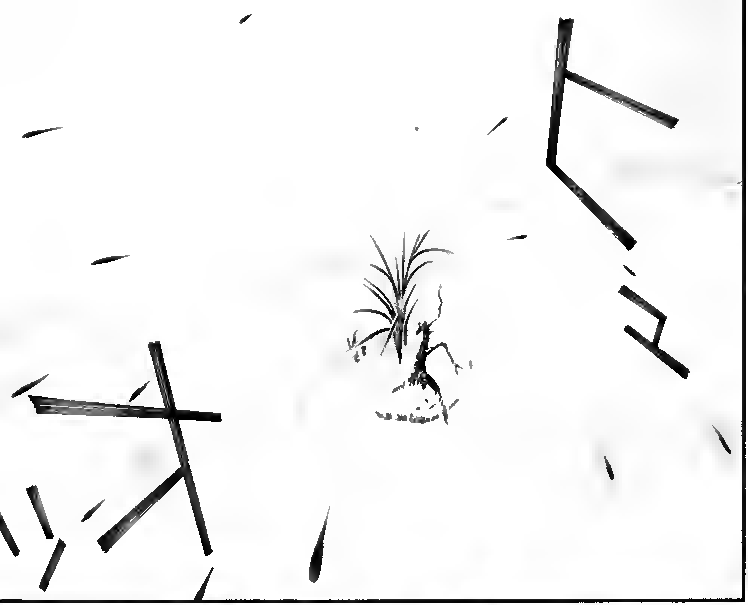

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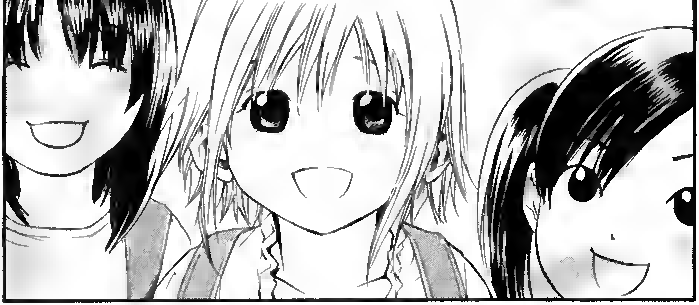
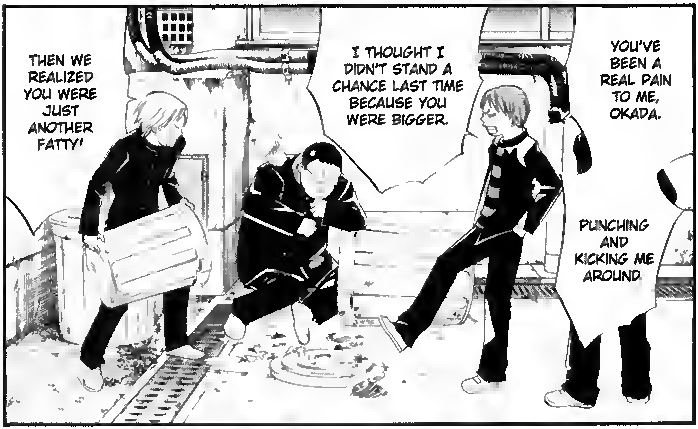
WH-WHAT'S THIS?
!?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

UH....

ANY POWER USER THE "HEART" TOUCHES WILL BE UNABLE TO CONTROL THEIR INNER DESIRES . .
NOT A SINGLE ONE ....
!?

DON'T BULLY YOUR FRIEND ANYMORE.
I WAS WRONG, OKADA!
YOU'RE SO COOL, OKADA-KUN!
YOU'RE STRONG, OKADA-KUN.
I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND!
BECAUSE I'M A HERO!
I WILL HELP YOU ANY TIME!
THANKS, OKADA-KUN




YOU'VE BEEN A REAL PAIN TO ME, OKADA.
PUNCHING AND KICKING ME AROUND.
I THOUGHT I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE LAST TIME BECAUSE YOU WERE BIGGER.
THEN WE REALIZED YOU WERE JUST ANOTHER FATTY!

HOW LONG DID YOU THINK YOU COULD USE YOUR HUGE FACE?!
SO DIRTY ....
STOP RIGHT THERE!

IT'S NOT GOOD TO PICK ON THE WEAK!
YES!
YOUR LOSS HAS ARRIVED!
HE GOT ME FROM BEHIND
VIOLENCE IS BAD!
.....
YOU'RE JUST ACTING COOL IN FRONT OF A GIRL!!
HYPOCRITE! A FALSE HERO!!

IN THE END, I'M THE SAME..
BUT....
I...
LIED.
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SHINIGAMI-CHAN ..
"LET'S GET MARRIED WHEN WE GROW UP," I PROMISED HER.
I PROMISED YOU, DIDN'T I? THAT I LIKED YOU BEST, SO I WOULD TREASURE YOU?

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED HER!
I'M SORRY ....

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I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WAITING....
ALWAYS ....
AND ONE DAY, YOU WOULD OPEN THOSE HEAVY DOORS ....
EVER SINCE I WAS LEFT AT THAT CONVENT ..
YOU JUST COULDN'T COME BECAUSE OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT....
TO FINALLY COME TO GET ME!

FATHER!
MOTHER
I WILL COME TOO....
IF THIS IS GOD'S WILL

サラ
THERE IS NO WAY TO ESCAPE .....
THE PAST THAT THE "HEART" REVEALS
BRINGS BOTH JOY AND GRIEF ....
BEHOLD YOUR PASTS .....

NOT A SINGLE POWER USER WILL BE LEFT UNTOUCHED IN THE WORLD.
THEIR LIVES WILL BE FORFEIT JUST AS THEY GET SUCKED INTO THE HOLES IN THEIR HEARTS.
THIS IS....
YOUR FATE....
UGH ....

-RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT!
I'M SURE THAT WE ALL HAVE OUR INDIVIDUAL DESIRES THAT INFLUENCED OUR POWERS....
JUST A DREAM?
EH? WHAT'S WITH THAT? IT'S SO DUMB!
FOR EXAMPLE, I LIKE BEAUTIFUL SCATTERING FLOWER PETALS. THAT'S WHY I GET SOAP BUBBLES!

MAYBE BECAUSE MY FACE LOOKED LIKE A MINEFIELD BEFORE...
NOTHING MUCH...
.....
THEN WHY IS IT "EXPLOSION" FOR YOU, KANON?
NO REASON....
UMM
HA?!
AND "WIND", MORIO?
WHAT? NO SHIT?! GROSS!
SO I SAID...
KEN-CHAN, DON'T TELL ME
YOU WERE THINKING "I WANT TO BE THE WIND" OR "I WANT TO SOAR THE SKIES" OR SOMETHING?
THIS IS WHY I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW....

I REALLY THOUGHT I COULD BE ONE.
IT'S BEEN MY CHILDHOOD DREAM TO BECOME A PILOT.
EMBARRASSED AT SUCH A CHILDISH DREAM.
BUT AS I GREW UP, I BECAME
AT THAT TIME, I THOUGHT IF I WORKED HARDER...
SUCH A SHAMEFUL STORY, BUT I STILL THINK THAT WAY.
I HAD NO PASSION TO CHASE AFTER MY DREAMS...
NO...

I WAS ONLY IN A POSITION TO GAZE AT MY DREAMS....
I WAS SO HAPPY THEN ....

AHH
EDITOR'S NOTE I FORGOT HOW YUMMY YOKO LOOKED
It's your fault, Taisuke!!
Damn!

HURRY UP AND COME HOME ALREADY!
BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER ABOUT HIS MEALS, I GET MORE ALCOHOL!
I HAVE TO BUY ANOTHER ONE!
THAT STU-
HYA HYA!

Kya!!
SOMEBODY FELL FROM ABOVE!!
SOME ....
BACKGROUND: KYAAAA / HIH
I-I-I MADE EY-EYE CONTACT WITH HER!
SHE WAS LAUGHING AS SHE FELL!!
SUICIDE ?!
NO?!
Ehh?!
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!

ESSE
SOMEBODY!! HELP!!
!?
KYA KYA
HEY... SHE HAS A LIGHTER!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THIS WORLD AND ALL YOU PEOPLE ARE WORTHLESS!
DEATH IS SO MUCH BETTER .....

EDITOR'S NOTE: I DIDN'T CLONE OUT NEWS FLASH FOR ARTISTIC REASONS.

News Flash
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BEEP
Panasonic
Suicides occurring in all countries. 560 deaths have been confirmed locally. Second mass suicide incident.

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Second mass suicide incident.
DID YOU SEE THE SUICIDE?!
DID...
WHEN I SAW HER DIE, I WAS... I WAS A BIT JEALOUS...
I MADE EYE CONTACT WITH THAT GIRL ....
THEN SHE SHE SMILED...
HAVE I GONE MAD?
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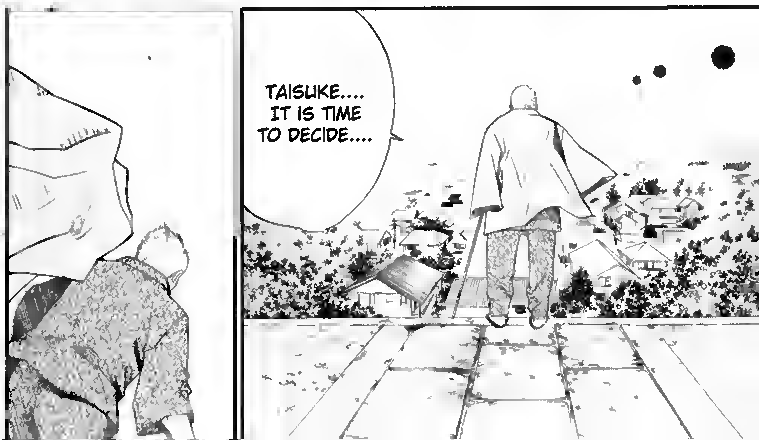
Waaaa
It's going to explode!!

TAISUKE!


TAISUKE....
IT IS TIME
TO DECIDE....

YOU ARE APPROACHING YOUR CHOICE
ONE IS A DIFFICULT LIFE. THE OTHER IS CERTAIN DEATH.
CHOOSE LIFE.
DO NOT...

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IS SUCH A FLEETING MOMENT ....
LIFE....

LET'S JUST TAKE IT EASY NOW.
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IT SEEMS THAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS LEFT.
HEY ....
I FEEL THAT YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.
YOUR DEAD PARENTS FORGIVE YOU TOO.....

WAIT UP!
!
TAISUKE!!
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO JUST RELAX AND DIE!
HIROSE IS JUST GOING TO KILL YOU!
HEY!

I'M BACK OUTSIDE?
WHERE'S THE SHINIGAMI!?
EDITOR'S NOTE: DID MEGUMI ALWAYS LOOK THIS CUTE?
THAT BOY ....
!
THIS KID ... ISN'T BREATHING?!
!!

HI-HIROSE-KUN...
WHY HAS EVERYONE COL-LAPSED LIKE THIS?!
AH....
THAT GUY....

IT...
IT CAN'T BE...

HIRO...
I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN YOU.... AND FOLLOWED YOU ALL THE WAY HERE
WHY ARE YOU ALIVE?
BUT....
YOU HAVE TO PROTECT HER.
NEE-CHAN ONLY HAS YOU KANOU-KUN, THAT'S WHY

THE HIROSE FROM THEN...
ISN'T HERE ANYMORE.

HAHA.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

STILL THINKING OF THE OLD TIMES?
I'VE SEEN THE FUTURE...
AN IDEAL WORLD WHERE I CAN LIVE FREELY.
A NEW AND WONDERFUL FUTURE....

BUT IN THE FUTURE I SAW...
YOU WEREN'T THERE.
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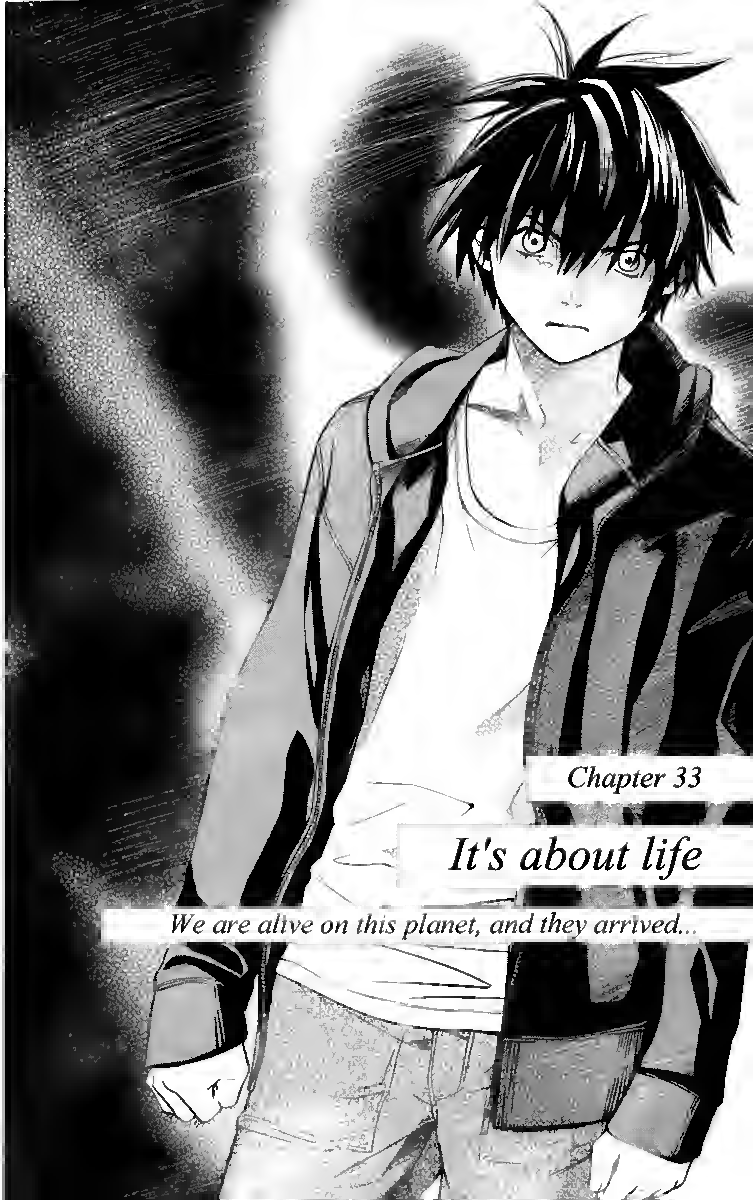
END

IT CAN'T BE....
WHY IS HE ALIVE?!
THE ONES WHO FELT THE POWER OF THE "HEART OF AKURO" ....
DIDN'T THEY ALL CHOOSE DEATH?!



Chapter 33

It's about life

We are alive on this planet, and they arrived...

CONFUSION ....
THAT TIME ....
YOU COVERED IT UP....
DESPAIR .. RESENTMENT... REGRET...
THOSE HOLES OF THE HEART.

BUT THOSE EYES NOW...
ARE FULL OF THOSE ... I CAN CLEARLY SEE THE CONFUSION OF THOSE HOLES....
IN THE END ....
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT SINCE THEN.
BUT YOU HAVE ....
HIROSE
THAT'S TRUE.
I'VE ESCAPED FROM THERE...

YOU ....
EVERYTHING IS CLEAR NOW.

TAISUKE?
THAT GUY IS TAISUKE!
I REMEMBER NOW!
WHY HAVE I FORGOTTEN SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT UP TILL NOW?!
IF YOU DON'T RETURN, NEITHER WILL YOUR MEMORIES .....
IF YOU EVER LEAVE THIS PLACE, YOUR MEMORIES WILL DISAPPEAR

HAS A VERY IMPORTANT JOB....
HIROSE, JUST LIKE YOU...!!
Taisuke!!
!
ME-MEGU?!
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Megu!
Stay
back!!

AH....
TSSS
MEGU?!
EH?
HAHA... SO YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.

YOU THOUGHT SHE DIED?
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IF YOU COULDN'T PROTECT HER,
LIKE THAT GIRL WITH THE BRAIDS
YOU'RE TREMBLING?

I WONDER WHICH YOU WOULD CURSE?
ME?

OR YOUR OWN LACK OF POWER?

!?
HE PARTED THE LAKE BY... EVAPORATING IT?!
WHAT POWER!

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!?
BEING POWERLESS ....

IT'S SCARY ....
I KNOW ....
WHEN I UNDERSTOOD THAT,
I LOST SIGHT OF MYSELF.
IS IT THAT YOU'RE....
AFRAID OF ME?

WHA?

GAH
...
HEHEHE
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COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM KANON.
WONDERFUL! THE REALIZATION OF THE "HEART'S" POWER IS....
THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER IS OBVIOUS... THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS.
BUT...
!
SUCH PERFECTION...
AM I ABLE TO BIND HIM WITH JUST MY POWER AS BEFORE?

HEHE ...
YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
!!
LOCKING YOU UP IS JUST WHAT I....

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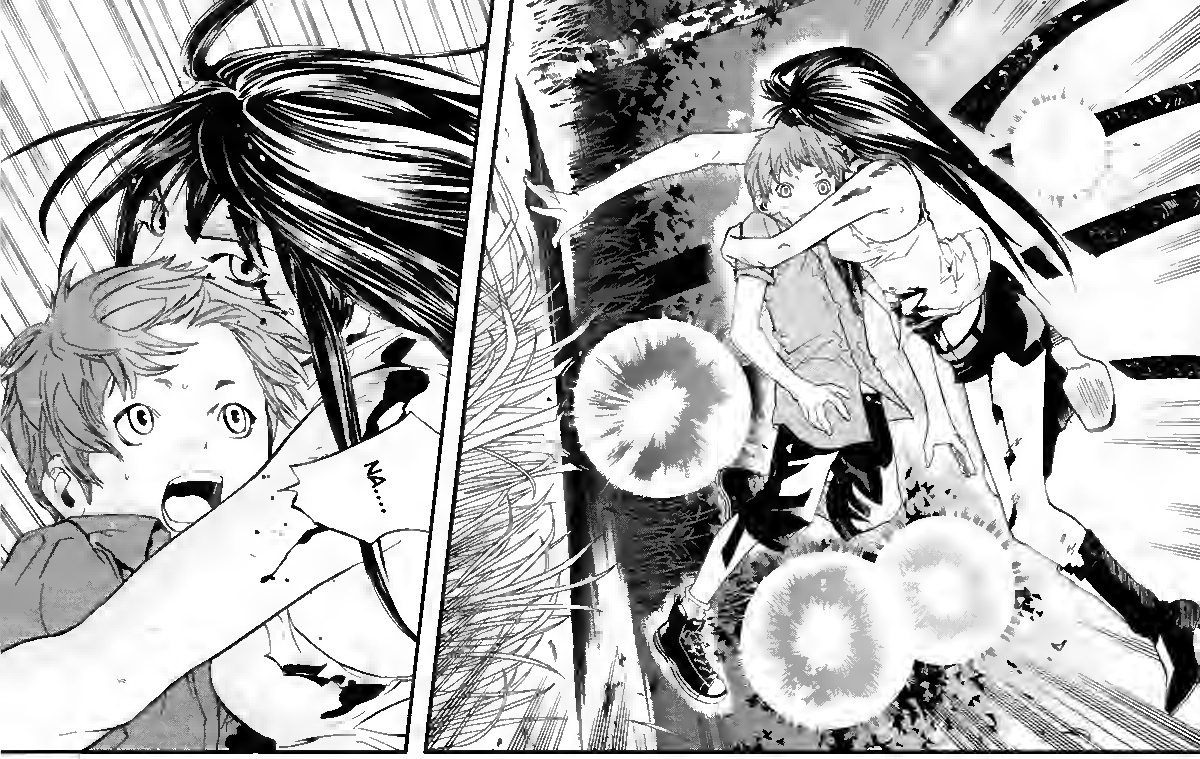
EH?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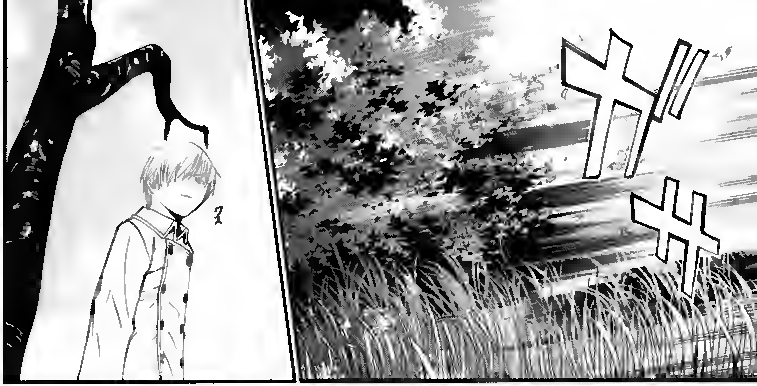
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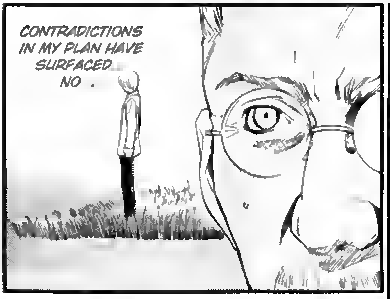
WHAT?


CONTRADICTIONS IN MY PLAN HAVE SURFACED... NO .

WHY ARE THEY ALIVE?!
THE ONLY POWER USERS LEFT ALIVE HERE SHOULD ONLY BE HIROSE-KUN AND ME!

IT'S RECKLESS TO PREDICT THE "HEART OF AKUMA"
...

IS IT GOING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING?!
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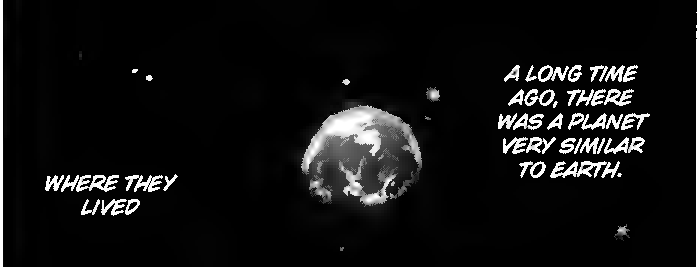
YOU WANNA SEE?
THE "HEART" SHOWED ME SOMETHING
FROM LONG, LONG AGO ...
MEMORIES ....

IT'S RIGHT HERE.
IT'S ABOUT A LIFE VERY MUCH LIKE OURS ....


A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A PLANET VERY SIMILAR TO EARTH.
WHERE THEY LIVED

AN EXISTENCE FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PEAK OF WISDOM
A CIVILIZATION FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS WHICH AMASSED HUGE AMOUNTS OF WEALTH AND MATERIAL....

THE ATTACHMENT TO LIFE. THE MAD RUSH TO EVOLUTION.
IT LED TO THEIR RUIN.
THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHEN TO HALT THEIR GREED
TO SATISFY THEMSELVES BEFORE ANY OTHER....

THE CORNERED ONES
UNDER THE CURRENT LEADER TOOK THE FINAL MEANS
IT COLLAPSED DUE TO OVERLOADING ....
THE LAND SLOWLY DIED ....
AND THE THAT LIFE ON THE PLANET ENDED
A COLLECTED CONSCIOUSNESS, AND ESCAPED INTO SPACE
DISCARDING THEIR BODIES
THE BIRTH OF AN IMMORTAL BEING!!
THEY HAD ACHIEVED THE ULTIMATE EVOLUTION....

OR SO IT WOULD SEEM....
ALL THEY FOUND THERE WAS DARKNESS AND....
SO MUCH TIME FOR NOTHING.
NO. THE EXISTENCE WITHOUT "INDIVIDUALS" WENT TOWARDS A CERTAIN LIGHT
SO LONG....
SO LONG UNTIL THEIR END....

"DEATH" IS THE FINAL EVOLUTION!!
THEY CONTINUED WANDERING SPACE, THEN -
"IF WE BORROW THE BODIES OF OTHER LIFE FORMS, WE CAN DIE"
THEY FOUND IT!!

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THIS IS THE TRUE FORM OF THE "SUICIDE VIRUS" ....

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.....

DEATH IS SOMETHING THAT RESIDES IN THE HOLES OF THE HEARTS OF IMPERFECT PEOPLE
EVERYONE IS ABLE TO DIE..

WE COULDN'T FULFILL THEIR DREAMS OF DYING, BUT....
I HAVE THE POWER TO BESTOW DEATH....
THAT'S US, "POWER USERS"
POWERS EMERGING FROM INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITIES ....
DO YOU THINK SOMETHING WILL BE BORN IF THAT GATHERED?
WHEN THEY MERGED WITH PEOPLE, THE REGAINED THEIR INDIVIDUALITY ....

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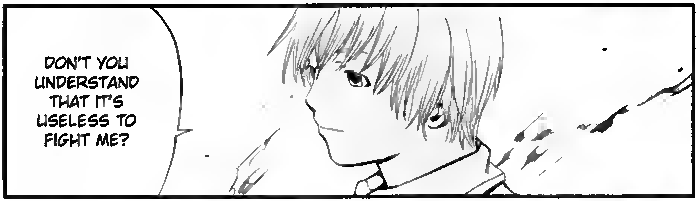
HEHEHE
HAHA
WHAT THE HELL..

THE WINNER AND LOSER HERE....
HAA
HAA
HAA
THERE'S NO EFFECT!!
AH! UGH ....

A POINTLESS COMPETITION LIKE THIS SHOULDN'T HAPPEN.
TOTALLY POINTLESS....


DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S USELESS TO FIGHT ME?

SH.... SHUT UP!

HAA
HAA
.....

IF I DO THIS...
WILL YOU UNDERSTAND THEN?

EDITOR'S NOTE: I SHAT BRICKS JUST NOW

AN EARTHQUAKE?
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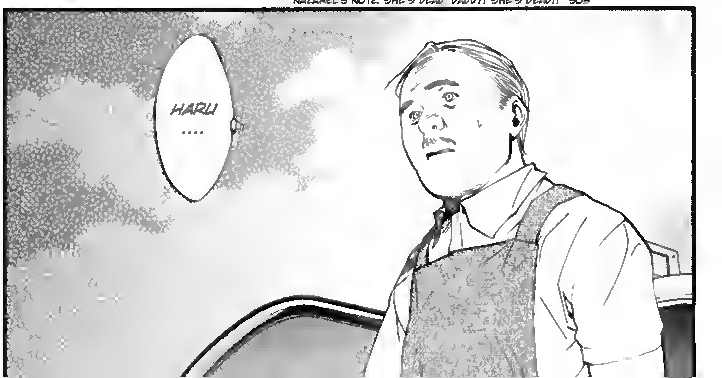
IT SETTLED DOWN.....

NAZAREL'S NOTE: SHE'S DEAD! DADDY! SHE'S DEAD!! *SOB*



I DIDN'T SEE THAT.
SUCH A HUGE AMOUNT OF POWER PASSING BY ME ....
THERE WASN'T ANY KILLING INTENT.
BECAUSE I SENSED THE KILLING INTENT....

NOT EVEN A LITTLE.
HIROSE'S POWER IS....
VOID ....
クク

HIROSE ....
YOUR GOAL...
WHAT IS IT?
TO ERASE EVERYONE ELSE.
TO BE ALONE.

CHAPTER 33
END

IF ONLY EVERYONE JUST DISAPPEARED FROM THIS PLANET!
ARE YOU PLANNING ON SLAUGHTERING EVERYONE?
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY....
YOU'RE SO WEAK.

Chapter 34

What can I do?

A man can be destroyed but not defeated.

COME ON! GET UP, MAMIYA-SAN!
IF WE STAY HERE, WE'RE GONNA GET INVOLVED IN THIS WHOLE THING AND DIE!
HURRY UP!
BUT HARU-CHAN ....

ハルちゃん
連れてってくれる？
はーい！
I'M THE ONE WHO BROUGHT HER HERE....
BECAUSE OF ME, HARU-CHAN....

FIRST, WE HAVE TO GET AWAY!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
THA....
YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW FEARSOME HIROSE YUICHI IS!
THE RESEARCH ENDS HERE!
OR WE'LL BE ERASED TOO!!

ERASED
....
EVERYTHING DISAPPEARED
....
"UNCLE KATSUMATA"
"WILL CLEAN UP THE [illegible]" HE SAID.

GOING TO DO IT....
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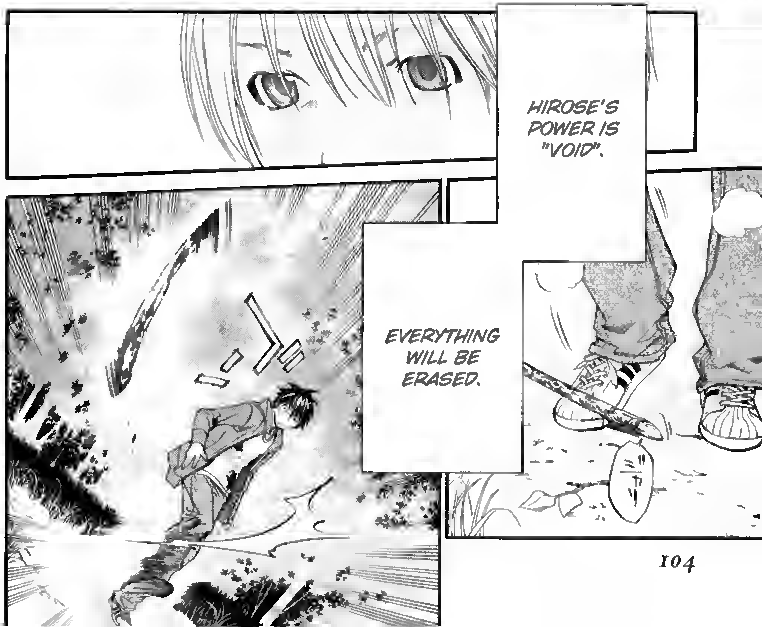
WASH EVERYTHING AWAY
CLEAN IT ALL UP...
HE IS REALLY ....


HIROSE'S POWER IS "VOID".
EVERYTHING WILL BE ERASED.
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HIROSE HAS NO PHYSICAL FORM.
WHAT CAN I DO?

THAT WIND USER!
HE'S DEAD?
YOU'RE SO POWERLESS.
DON'T TELL ME NAMI AND YUITA TOO?!

MY POWER IS....
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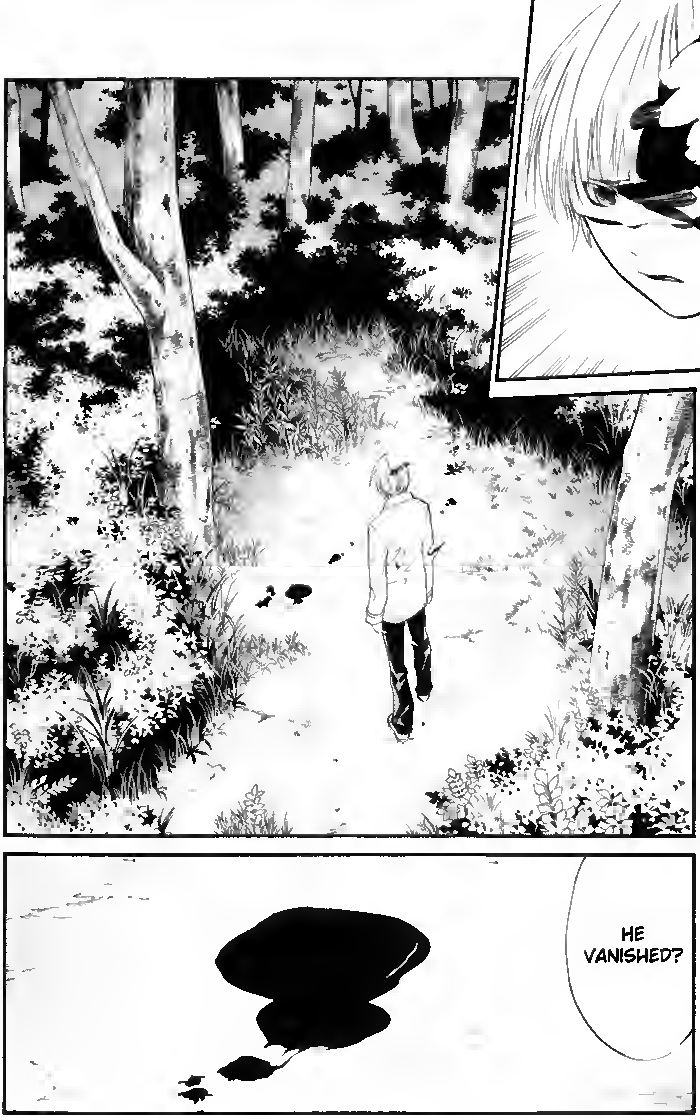
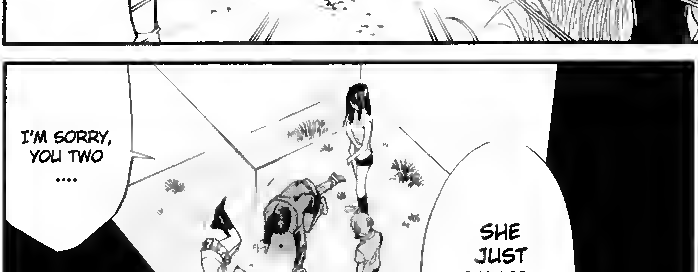

HE VANISHED?

DAMN, YOU'RE SUCH A TROUBLESOME GUY.
NAMI! YUTA!
YEAH, SORT OF...
YOU GUYS ARE ALRIGHT!

Megu!


I'M SORRY, YOU TWO ....
SHE JUST FAINTED ....

TAISUKE.... MY POWER WILL BE DISPELLED BY HIROSE SOON.
.....
THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING TO PROTECT US THIS TIME.

UGH ....

AT THIS RATE, EVERYONE IS GOING TO DIE ....
LET'S RUN AWAY.
WE CAN'T WIN AGAINST HIROSE....

HIROSE!
.....
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, HIROSE?
YOU WANT TO BE ALONE?
THE DUTY OF THE "HEART" THAT YOU RECEIVED FROM "THAT PERSON" ...

DON'T THINK OF UNNECESSARY THINGS!
A VESSEL IS JUST A VESSEL
I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS BEFORE....
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS TO MAKE YOU....
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?!
A TALKING OWL IS REALLY WEIRD.

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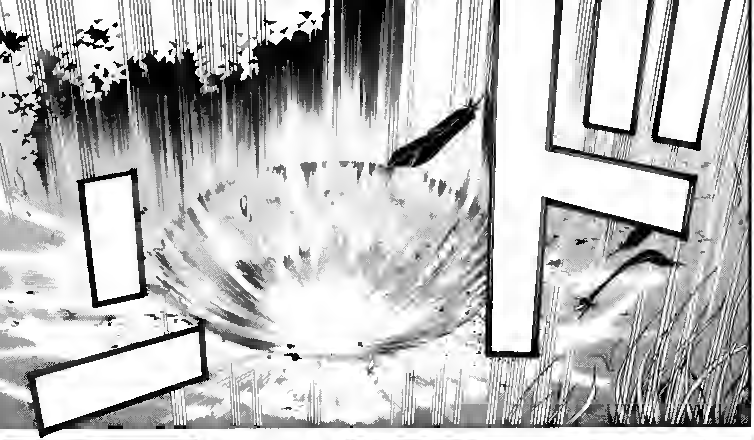
YOU INGRATE ....
TO BETRAY "THAT PERSON" ....



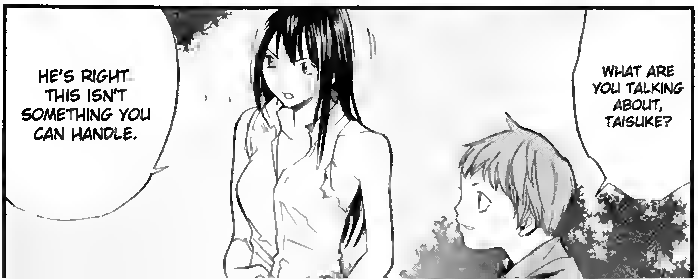
HE ACQUIRED HIS OWN WILL ALONG WITH THE "HEART OF AKUIRO".

NOT GOOD ....

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP HIM ....

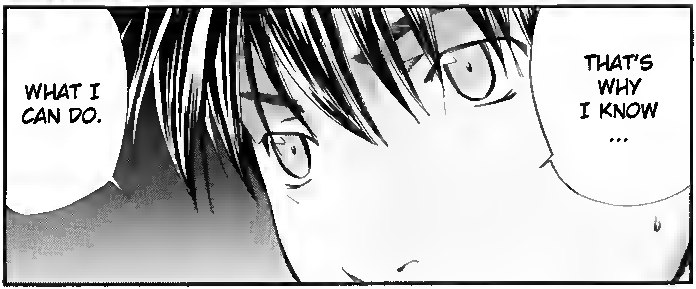
I'LL BE THE ONE TO KILL HIROSE!

YUTA, LET ME OUT OF HERE.


HE'S RIGHT. THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN HANDLE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, TAISUKE?

I THINK THAT NOW IS THE TIME.
TO FIGHT OR TO RUN.....
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THAT OLD MAN MISAKI SAID ABOUT MY "DECISION"?
EITHER A VERY DIFFICULT LIFE, OR CERTAIN DEATH!
THERE IS A CHANCE TO WIN ....
THERE'S ALSO A POSSIBILITY OF "LIFE".
BUT STILL!
DON'T BE STUPID! YOU'LL BE KILLED!

YOU WANNA SEE?
MEMORIES
I UNDERSTAND ....
FROM LONG, LONG AGO
THEY FELL HERE
MY POWER NOW.


WHAT I CAN DO.
THAT'S WHY I KNOW ...

KANOU... DON'T TELL ME ....
YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF DOING SOMETHING STRANGE, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT!
IT'S JUST ...
JUST LIKE YOU DID....
I WANT TO SETTLE THIS.
ALONE.
I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND, NAMI.

!!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
.....
NAMI NEE-CHAN TOO? JUST TELL HIM OFF!
AT THIS RATE, TAISUKE IS REALLY GOING TO.....
AS WELL AS NAMI, YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THEM ALL.
STOP CRYING. YOU'RE A GUY, SO GIRLS....
.....
HEY, YOU. DON'T KILL ME OFF JUST YET
I told you you can't win!

BUT NAMI NEE-CHAN IS STRONG...
IT'S DEFINITELY HARD TO SAY SHE'S A NORMAL GIRL
BUT .... UHMM
I'M JUST A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT TOO
COME ON BOY
Really ?!
INSIDE TAKUKE
QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE REAL THING
YOU AREN'T OLDER?!
HOW OLD?
3RD YEAR.
HMMM?
JUNIOR AS IN JUNIOR HIGH JUNIOR?
WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

IT'S NOT A BIG DIFFERENCE ....
She's just a kid?!
WHEN I WAS IN 1ST YEAR, NAMI WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?!
3RD YEAR MEANS.... A YEAR YOUNGER THAN ME?!
I refuse!!
DO YOU NEED ME TO TEACH YOU ANYTHING?
JUST A SECOND
THAT MEANS YOU'RE TAKING ENTRANCE EXAMS THIS YEAR!
SUCH AN IMPORTANT TIME AND ALL YOU DO IS FIGHT!
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KAMAKURA SHOGU.... EH?!

*NOTE: THE NUMBERS CAN BE READ OUT AS "MAKE A GOOD COUNTRY" AND IS USED TO MEMORIZE DATES FOR HISTORY.

YOU GUYS .....
I USED TOO MUCH ENERGY
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SINCE WE HAVE TIME TO DO ALL THIS, HURRY UP AND GO.
OI, DON'T DIE NOW
HIROSE WILL FIND US!
HAHA!
WHAT CAN TAISUKE TEACH?
Don't call me idiot when it's written Taisuke!!

*NOTE: THE JOKE IS THAT THE KANJI WRITTEN IS TAISUKE BUT THE FURIGANA SAYS IDIOT. FURIGANA IS THE HELPING TEXT FOR KANJI

TAKE CARE OF MEGU!
AND ALSO ....
.....
SO....
TAISUKE HAS ALREADY MADE UP HIS MIND....
LET ME OUT!

I'LL CALL YOU A LOUSY DOG!
IF YOU DON'T COME BACK ....
I'LL LET YOU OUT, SO MAKE SURE YOU COME BACK!
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!
AS IF I'LL LET YOU!
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Wait!
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WHY AREN'T YOU COMING WITH US, TAISUKE?
MEGU!
YOU WOKE UP!
B-BUT MEGU....
IF WE GET SEPARATED AGAIN....
LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER, TAISUKE ...
I FEEL LIKE WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN.....

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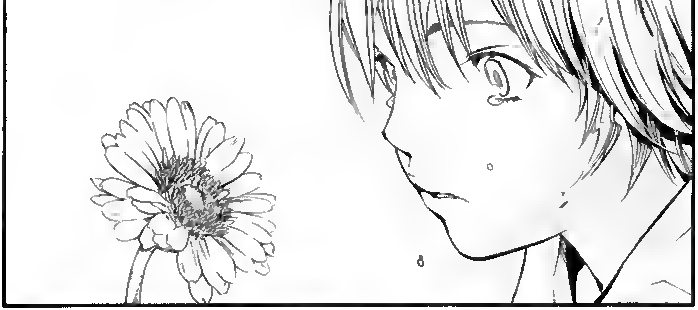
HERE!
!?
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS, SO STOP CRYING.



THE FLOWER JUST..?! IS THAT ALSO TAISUKE'S POWER?!
HOLD ON! THAT LIGHT....
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UMM... MY SISTER WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YOU, MEGU.
IT'S USELESS TO TRY AND PERSUADE ME....
I'LL DEFINITELY GET BEATEN UP
I DON'T WANT THAT ....

TELL ME YOURSELF.
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I THOUGHT YOU RAN AWAY

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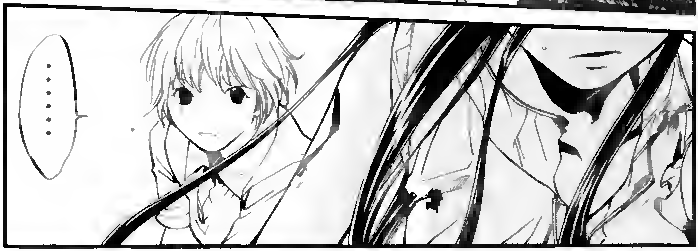
IT'S ALRIGHT!
TAISUKE WILL BEAT HIROSE!

IT'S JUST THE MOUNTAIN CRUMBLING ....

EVEN WHEN THEY QUARRELED .....
THEY NEVER HIT EACH OTHER BEFORE.
TAISUKE AND HIROSE-KUN ....
THEY WOULD ALWAYS RECONCILE ....
NO MATTER HOW ANGRY THEY WERE AT EACH OTHER...
I WONDER IF THEY CAN GO BACK TO THAT....
DIDN'T KANOU TELL YOU TO STOP CRYING?

WE HAVE TO GET AWAY FOR HIS SAKE.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TAISUKE'S "POWER" ....
WHAT THE HELL IS IT?

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IT'S LIKE THAT TIME HE BROUGHT BE BACK FROM STONE....
Kyaa!!
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NAMI NEE-CHAN?!
WHAT HAPP-ENED?

Don't come any closer!!
EH ....
!!

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OH MY, IT'S BECOME A PROBLEM.

HIROSE-KUN IS MOVING ON HIS OWN.
I CAN'T CONTROL HIM WITH JUST MY POWER ANYMORE.
WITH HIS POWER NOW, HE'LL BE ABLE TO BUILD THE WORLD THAT HE PICTURES.
BUT THAT IS TROUBLING.
FOR THAT, OCHIAI-SAN'S POWER IS NEEDED.

I WONDER IF TODAY .....
IS THE LAST TIME I'LL SAY IT....
BELIEVE THAT THE NIGHT WILL PASS....
I...
I WON'T CRY!
YOU WILL BE IN A DEEP SLEEP ONCE MORE.

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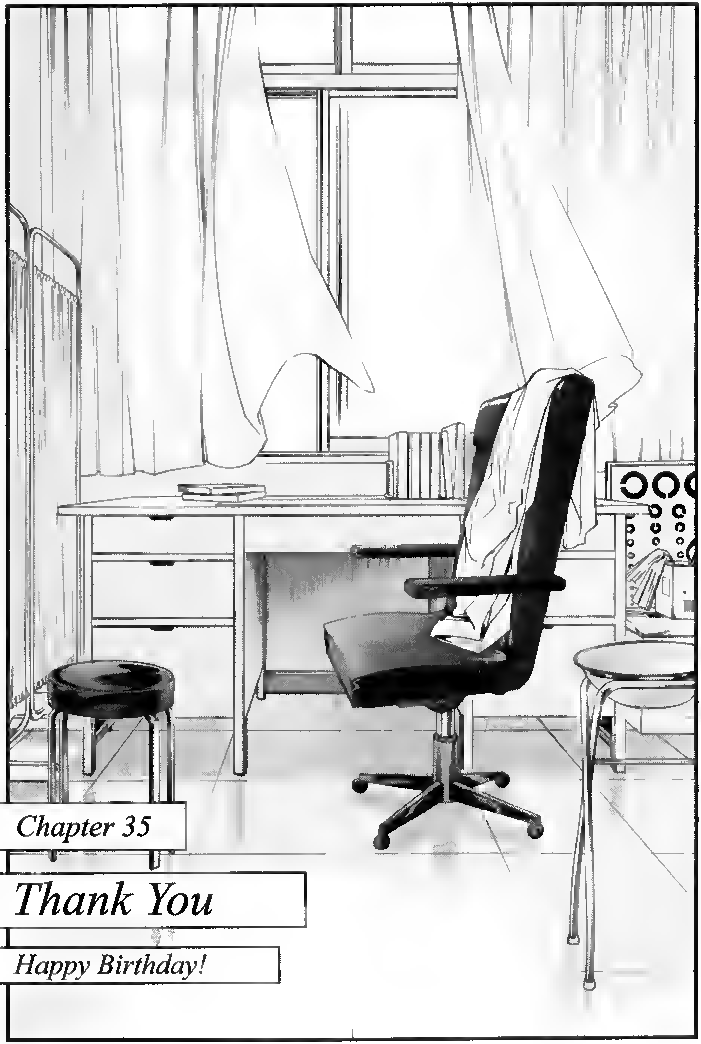

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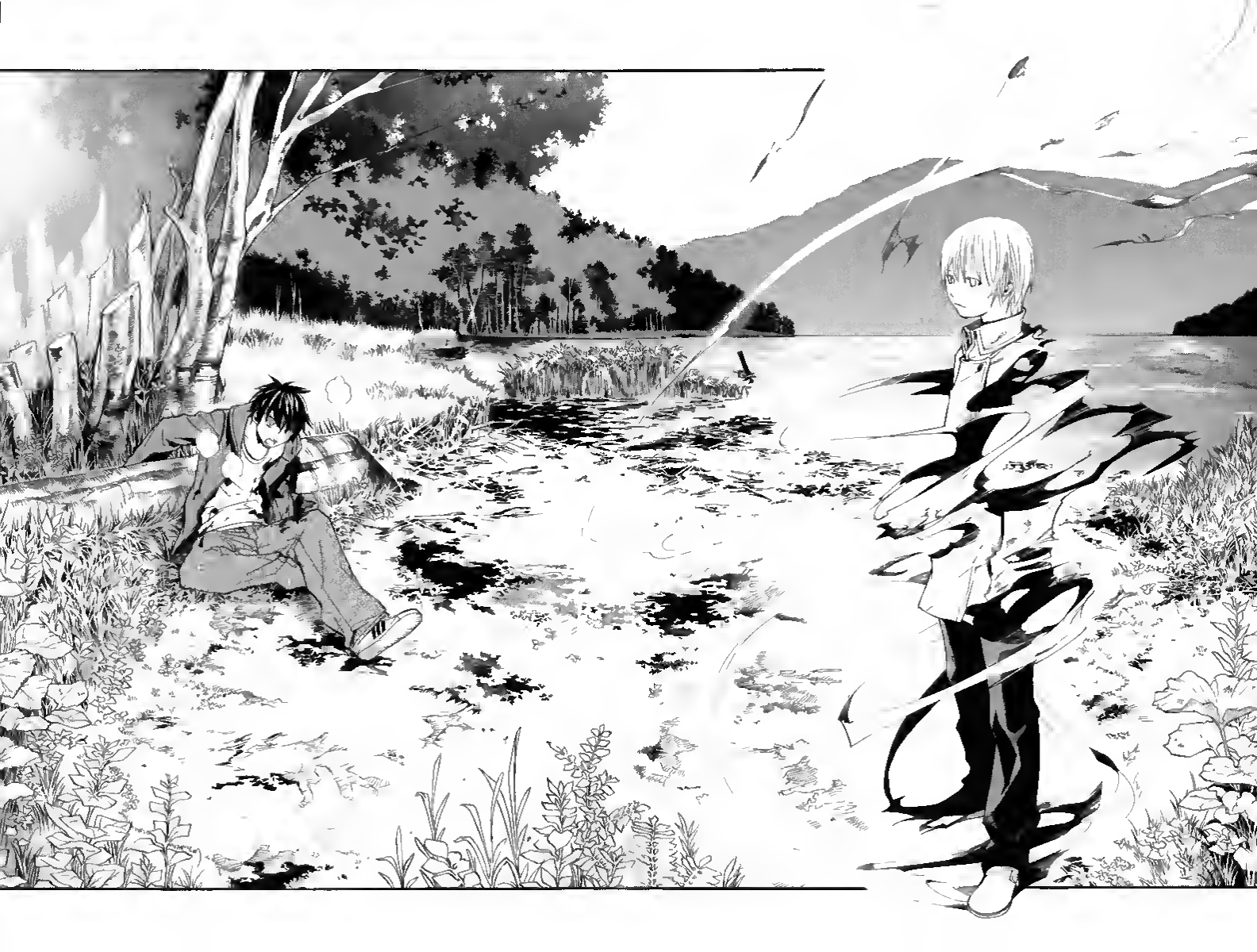
Thank You

Happy Birthday!



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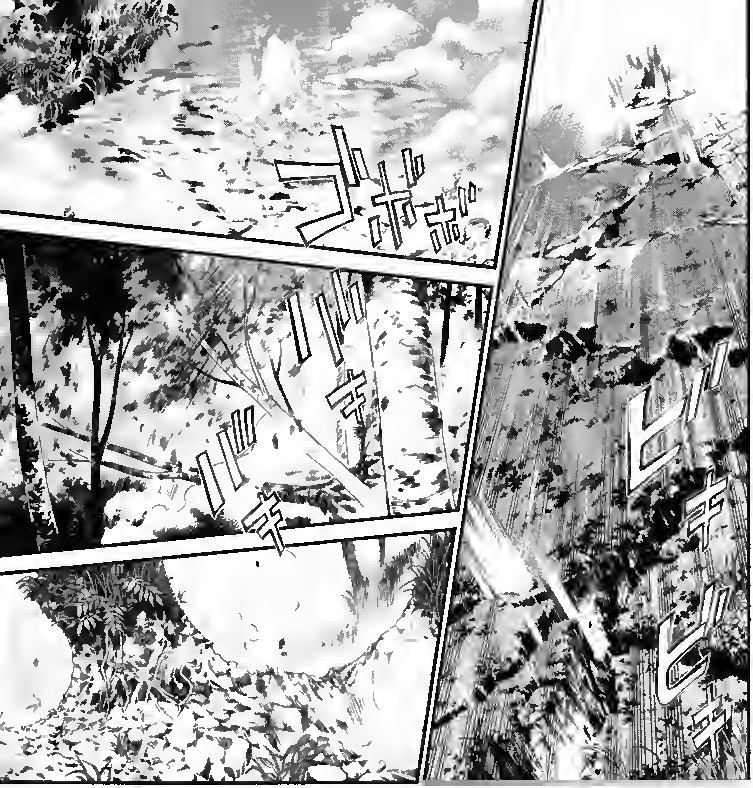
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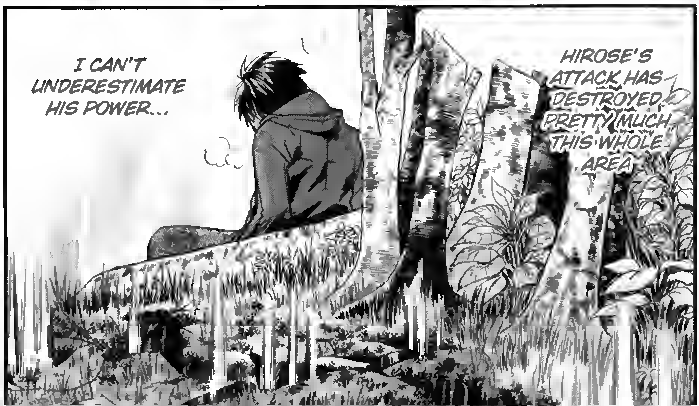
I CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE HIS POWER...
HIROSE'S ATTACK HAS DESTROYED PRETTY MUCH THIS WHOLE AREA.

NONE OF MY ATTEMPTS WORKED
I'M HELPLESS AGAINST HIS ATTACKS

...BUT

... MY BODY
IS GOING TO BE CREATED SOON.

IF I CAN JUST SURROUND THAT SPACE...

EVEN THOUGH HIROSE CAN COMPLETELY VANISH
HE'S DEFINITELY STILL THERE
...

WITHOUT PEOPLE ..
BUT...
I GAVE IT BACK THEN
I WAS ALSO POPPED IN—
AND THEN I WILL HAVE MY PERFECT WORLD WITHOUT PEOPLE
EVEN IF JUST A LITTLE... THAT WAS THE TWISTED HIROSE

WAIT!
WAIT A SECOND, KANOU!
HUH?
DON'T FIGHT LIKE THIS .. AREN'T YOU GOING TOO FAR?
--- BUT!

OI, YOUR WALLET!
IDIOTS LIKE THESE HAVE TO GET SOME SENSE KNOCKED INTO THEM!
THESE PEOPLE SAW THAT YOU'RE WEAK, SO THEY BULLIED YOU!
HIRO, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM
YOU SHOULD STILL SPEAK UP FOR YOURSELF!
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保健室
WHAT I SAY WON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT

I DON'T HAVE ANY POWER ...
YOU'RE SO SKINNY... HAVE YOU BEEN EATING ALRIGHT?
YEAH, BUT I STILL DON'T GAIN ANY WEIGHT.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET IN ANY MORE TROUBLE DIDN'T I?
I surrender! I surrender!
LUCKILY, YOU DIDN'T BREAK YOUR WRIST.
LET ME FIX THAT FOR YOU!
TAISUKE ISN'T THAT STRONG... I REALLY WISH HE STOPS GETTING INTO FIGHTS
I oppose child abuse! I oppose child abuse!
ACTUALLY, I DON'T HATE HIM...
BECAUSE HE TRIES SO HARD TO PROTECT HIROSE

WAAA! YOKO-NEE!
WHEN DID IT BEGIN ...
EVEN WHEN I'M IN THE SAME ROOM WITH EVERYONE
I STILL FEEL LONELY INSIDE

IT BECAME SO OBVIOUS, THEN
OUR...
STRENGTH AND WEAK-NESS
... LIM
WHY SAY THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME EVERY-TIME...
I THOUGHT THAT... IT WOULD BE OKAY...

AS LONG AS I DIDN'T LEAVE KANOU'S SIDE
DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD OR SOME-THING?
IT HURTS ALL OVER.
AND JUST FOLLOWED HIM CLOSELY
KANOU, WAIT FOR ME!
OWW
I AM

REALLY POWER-LESS...
DON'T MATCH UP!
YOUR ACTIONS AND YOUR GOAL...
...WHAT THE HECK!
IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, THEN DO IT!
HURRY UP AND DO IT!
THEN WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?
YOU WANT TO BE ONE PERSON, RIGHT?

I WANTED TO SAVOR THIS MOMENT
THIS MOMENT WHEN YOU GAVE UP.
... NO MATTER WHO YOU'RE FIGHTING, YOU ALWAYS FIGHT TILL THE END.
I NEVER... UNDERSTOOD THIS.
YOU SHOULD KNOW WHERE YOU STAND.
YOU SHOULD KNOW ...
JUST HOW POWERLESS YOU ARE.

THE FUTURE THAT FALLS IN THE END--- IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERY-ONE!

IT'S USELESS NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY...

HOW FUNNY
SO YOU'RE AFRAID TO DIE TOO.
TELLING ME TO KILL YOU QUICKLY IS ONLY YOUR LAST STRUGGLE BEFORE DEATH.

HOW CAN I NOT BE.
OF COURSE I AM!
NOW, I ALSO THINK IT'S FUNNY--- WHY DON'T I TRY TO RUN AWAY?
GOT NO IDEA WHAT I'M DOING ...
LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU, HIROSE .. ARE YOU NOT AFRAID OF DEATH?

YOU'VE HATED FIGHTS FROM THE BEGINNING, RIGHT?
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH POWER
IT SHOULD BE EASY TO RUN AWAY!
YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO APPROACH ME.
YOU'RE VERY SCARED, AREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE VERY SCARED OF ME ...

WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR CHOICE...
TAISUKE ...
I'M SORRY
NEE-CHAN.
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THE GROUND SEEMS TO BE JUMPING
boo.
NO... THAT'S NOT RIGHT.
IT'S FIRE.

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WHAT?!
I CAN'T USE MY POWER!

IF HIROSE
I HAVE THINGS I WANT TO PROTECT.
PLANS TO DESTROY THOSE THINGS

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THEN... EVEN IF I DIE...
I CAN'T LET HIM SUCCEED!

IT'S BEEN SUR-ROUNDED!
MY SPACE ...

I'M SORRY... BUT I CAN'T ...
AGREE TO THE WORLD YOU WANT!
THE TRUTH IS ...
THE ONE CHASING FROM BEHIND... WAS REALLY ME...

I KILLED THEM...
SO WHY WAS I THE ONLY ONE WHO SURVIVED...
YOU WERE THERE FOR ME...
WHEN I LOST MYSELF...
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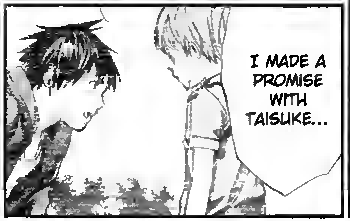
THAT TIME ...
THANK YOU...

NAMI-
NEE!
....
NEE-CHAN!

QUICK, WAKE UP!
YUTA ...?
WHERE'S MEGU?
...SHE GOT TAKEN AWAY BY KATSU-MATA
WHAT!!
!?
EH ...?
KANOU!

YU--
SORRY.
I...


I MADE A PROMISE WITH TAISUKE...

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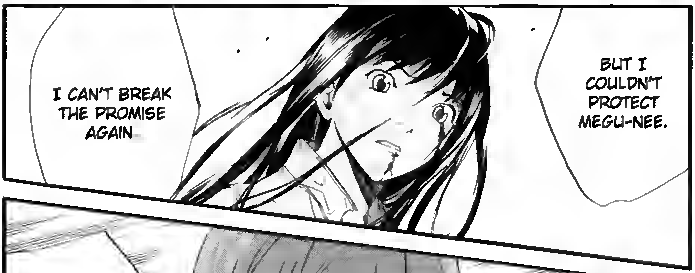
I CAN'T BREAK THE PROMISE AGAIN
BUT I COULDN'T PROTECT MEGU-NEE.

I CAN'T LET YOU GO THERE!
THAT'S WHY,

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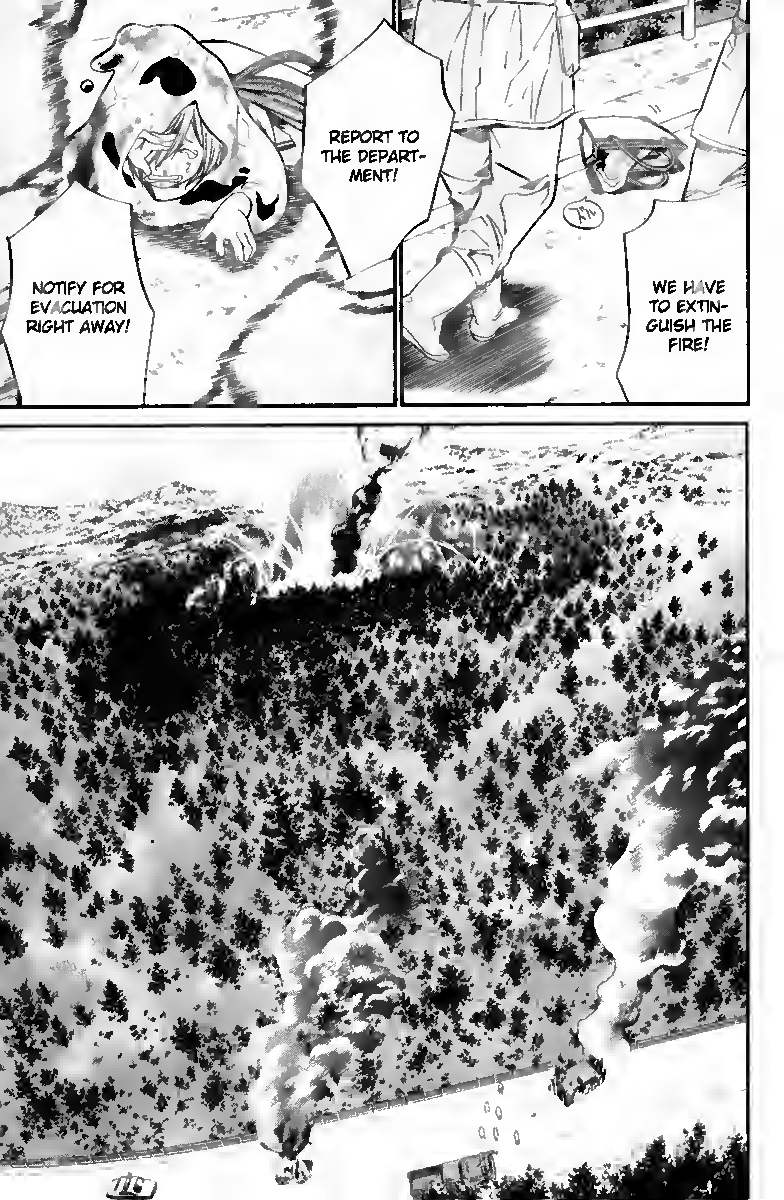
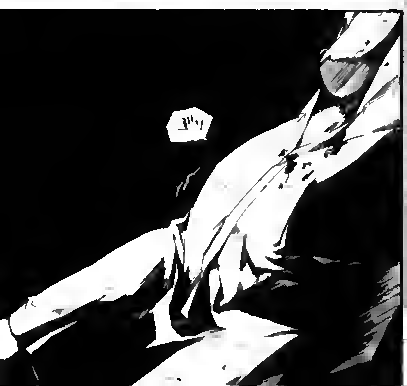
WASN'T IT JUST A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT?
HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
THIS...
NO WAY ...
T-THE VOLCANO... EXPLODED?

EXCUSE ME! MY DAUGHTER..
GET THE HOSE! THIS AREA'S GOING TO BURN UP!
SOME ONE HELP!
THAT KIND OF PLACE, HOW COULD IT...?
--- THANK GOD!
AMAMIYA-SAN!
WHERE'S HARU...?
.....
EH? SHE'S NOT WITH YOU GUYS?
HARU!


NOTIFY FOR EVACUATION RIGHT AWAY!
REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT!
WE HAVE TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE!

TOO LATE ...
THAT BOY'S "EXTERMINATE AND REGENERATE" POWER. .
SUCH A WASTE.
BUT AT LEAST HE MANAGED TO STOP "IT"
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "HEART OF AKUIRO?"
AFTER ALL, IT WASN'T EASY...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FOR "THAT" TO BE FINALLY BORN...

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